

REMARKS

Claims 111-121, 149, 152, and 159-161 are currently pending in this application. Claims 111, 149, 152, and 159-161 are amended herein. Support for the amended claims can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter is presented by the amendments. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and reconsideration of pending claims 111-121, 149, 152, and 159-161.

Additionally, upon the allowance of generic claims, applicants respectfully request consideration of additional species as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

On pages 4-5 of the Office Action ("the Action"), claims 111-121, 149, 152, and 159-161 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. In particular, the Action states that it is not clear how the specific compounds listed in the instant claims can exist as "stereoisomeric, nonstereoisomeric, saturated or unsaturated, or straight or branched chain". In order to expedite prosecution, claims 111, 149, and 159-161 have been amended to delete the expression "stereoisomeric, nonstereoisomeric, saturated or unsaturated, or straight or branched chain forms". Therefore, applicants submit that claims 111-121, 149, 152, and 159-161 are not indefinite. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

On pages 5-6 of the Action, claim 152 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. In particular, the Action states the phrase "other oxidative damages to the skin, hair, and nails" is unclear. In order to expedite prosecution, claim 152 has been amended to delete "other oxidative damages to the skin, hair, and nails." Therefore, applicants submit that claim 152 is not indefinite. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance. An early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions concerning the foregoing, or should the Examiner believe that a telephonic interview would serve to further advance prosecution of the claims, the Examiner is courteously invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

No additional fee is believed to be required for entry and consideration of this response. Nevertheless, in the event that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office requires any additional fee to enter this response or to maintain the instant application pending, please charge such fee to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

Respectfully submitted,

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